

REMARKS

Claims 4-20 are pending in this application, of which claims 4-6 and 8 have been amended. Claims 1-3 have been canceled. No new claims have been added.

The specification and Abstract have been amended to correct minor grammatical, idiomatic and spelling errors. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 4-20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Accordingly, claims 1-3 have been canceled and claims 4-6 and 8 have been so amended, except for the deletion of the recitation in each claim that the first and second substrate and the signal and opposite electrodes are all transparent, and the deletion of the recitation in each claim that "a transmittance of portions of liquid crystal layer where a voltage is applied increasing".

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, claims 4-20, as amended, are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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